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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

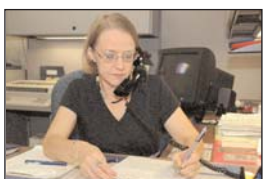
As of: Sept. 10

Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
74	29	-1
40	6	-1
60	24	+3

FY-02 Flying Hour Curve: +93.3

Source: 7th Operations Group

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317th Airlift Group Sortie Goals

As of: Sept. 9

Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
78%	62.5%
78%	85.7%

Source: 317th Airlift Group

AMC rates 317th AG 'excellent' in UCI

By Airman 1st Class
Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

The 317th Airlift Group received an "excellent" rating from the Air Mobility Command Unit Compliance Inspection team following a three-day evaluation here last week.

During the inspection, which was held Sept. 3-5, the UCI team reviewed six mission areas and one by-law requirement to make sure each adhered with by-law requirements, executive orders, Department of Defense directives and Air Force and major command instructions.

Each area and the by-law requirement were rated on a five-tier scale. The scale ratings are unsatisfactory, marginal, satisfactory, excellent and outstanding.

Four of the six mission areas -- supply, personnel, aircrew protection and self-inspection program -- were



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

Airman 1st Class Carroll Haynes Jr., 39th Airlift Squadron life support technician, inspects a restraint harness. Haynes is part of the 317th Airlift Group aircrew protection team recognized for their exceptional performance by the Air Mobility Command unit compliance inspection team Sept. 3-5.

rated "excellent" by the team, as was the 317th AG by-law requirement, intelligence oversight.

To receive an "excellent" rating, a unit's performance or operation must exceed mission requirements, its

procedures and activities must be carried out in a superior manner and its resources and programs must be "very efficiently managed and relatively free of deficiencies," inspectors said.

The team also reviewed a special interest item -- the aircraft fuels system maintenance section. SIIs are rated either satisfactory or unsatisfactory. The aircraft fuels system maintenance section was rated satisfactory.

The 317th AG was the first group-level unit to be inspected by AMC since the Secretary of the Air Force inspector general mandated the UCI program in December 2001.

"This (inspection) is a learning experience for both the group and (the team)," said Capt. Tyler Schaff, AMC UCI team chief of personnel inspections. "We've been making constant revisions trying to make this as effective a process as possible for everyone."

During the mission out-brief, the team applauded the 317th AG on their cooperation and teamwork.

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75 Dyess first lieutenants promoted to captain

By Capt. Dave Honchul
Dyess Public Affairs

Seventy-five Dyess first lieutenants received good news Sept. 5 with the release of the calendar 2002B line and judge advocate general captain's promotion list.

More than 3,700 officers were selected for promotion by the boards held at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Selection statistics for those considered in-the-promotion zone were 99.6 percent select rate for Air Force line officers, and 100 percent for JAG officers. Above the zone, the selection rate for line officers was 30 percent. There were no JAG candidates above the zone.

Dyess promotion selectees were:

7th Bomb Wing
Jeremiah Crowley
Dianne Hodge

Robert Madison

7th Operations Support Squadron

Samara Miller
Dorothy Parmiter
Steven Smith

9th Bomb Squadron

Eric Arnold
Benjamin Cox
Brian Crawford

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Dyess Air Force Base welcomes...

Air Combat Command
food services excellence evaluation team



US Air Force turns 55:

A time to reflect on past, look toward future

Dr. James Roche
Secretary of the Air Force
and Gen. John Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON -- Fifty-five years ago, President Harry Truman, with a visionary stroke of his pen, established the U.S. Air Force as a separate armed service. Since then, we have revolutionized the nature of warfare and enabled a new universe of discovery and operations in space. With its attributes of speed, range, stealth, awareness and precision, our nation's outstanding Air Force will continue to deliver global reconnaissance and air dominance, as well as the great deterrent power those capabilities make possible.

From the days of providing humanitarian relief during the Berlin Airlift to the historic display of airpower during Operations Desert Storm and Allied Force, and now in the war on terrorism, our airmen have served with extraordinary integrity, selflessness, and dedication. Across the spectrum of



U.S. Air Force graphic

operations, whether standing guard for deterrence, conducting joint combat operations, fulfilling our global expeditionary commitments, or defending the homeland, our Air Force has answered its nation's call. However, we cannot rest on our past successes. We must renew our commitment to adapt our current systems, modernize our force and transform our air and space strategy to the challenges of this new era.

At the dawn of the 21st cen-

tury, the importance of air and space dominance to the joint warfighter is clear. We owe much to the legends of airpower whose determination and vision resulted in an independent Air Force. Today we celebrate our heritage and look forward to a bright future thanks to airmen across the globe: active duty, civilian, Guard, Reserve, retirees, veterans and their families.

Happy Birthday to the world's premier air and space force, the U.S. Air Force!



Labor Day has come and gone. The school year has started. The 101 days of summer are over. Happily, we made it through without a Dyess fatality. You should be proud of that record... it did not just happen... it is a result of your good judgment and leadership. Don't rest on your laurels... it is not the time to relax that posture and forget about safety.

Reflecting on the events surrounding the first anniversary of the 9/11 attacks has given us the opportunity to review what has happened in the last year.

Many have also taken the time to look forward at what may be required of us in the next year. Any way you cut it, our nation needs us... to be trained and ready to deploy on a moment's notice. We are not done with the war on terror. That requires you keep our most critical resources (you and your coworkers) safe. Continue to apply operational risk management at home as well as on the job... make the proper risk versus reward tradeoffs in your daily lives. Keep up the great work.

ACTION LINE



Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin
7th Bomb Wing commander

The action line provides a direct line of communication between me and the people of Dyess. It is only one of several means of helping resolve problems and get my response to comments and questions.

As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil and leave your message. Leaving your name and phone number ensures you will receive a personal reply by phone.

Decal placement causes concern

Comment: I have a question concerning the placement of the base sticker on vehicles. When I first arrived at Dyess, my vehicle was registered in Arkansas and that's how I planned to leave the registration. However, I was told the only authorized placement for the base sticker is the top center of the windshield. This conflicts with some Arkansas state laws. In Arkansas, you are not allowed to have any objects (even base stickers) above the bottom four inches of your windshield. It puts me in a situation that if I were to go back to Arkansas, I run a risk of getting a ticket.

Response: Great question. We require vehicles

registered on base to place the decal centered on the top of the windshield for several reasons. First, it allows our entry controllers to immediately recognize vehicles registered here. Second, with many new vehicle designs, decals placed in the lower driver's corner are often obscured by the hood of the vehicle, preventing the sentry from quickly validating its currency. Also, since Texas law requires placement of registration and inspection stickers in the lower driver's corner of the windshield, placement of a Department of Defense Form 2220 and a housing sticker for many residents, can potentially obstruct the driver's view and create a safety risk. For these reasons, placement at the top center of the windshield has proven to be the best option.

To alleviate your concern about your home state of Arkansas, we did some checking with Little Rock Air Force Base to see how they deal with this issue. We were informed recent changes in Arkansas law now allow placement of the base sticker at the top center of the windshield. As such, the base recently changed its policy to require all newly issued base decals to be displayed at the top center of the windshield like us. Thanks for your call.



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Strains of Freedom: Military spouse reflects on 9/11

By Tracey Sherman

Spouse of Maj. David Sherman
7th Comptroller Squadron commander

Editor's Note: The following is a spouse's recollection of the day after the Sept. 11 attacks last year:

Still groggy from a sleepless night and numb from the previous day's events, I wanted nothing more than to pull David back to bed and burrow under the familiar warmth and comfort of our covers; our bolted front door simulating safety and guarding against the terrors of the outside world. Instead, I turned to watch my best friend, my beloved husband of 22 years, bent over, lacing the shoestrings through the eyes of his combat boots.

Even in the gray light of dawn, I saw clearly, and shuddered at the severe contrast of this morning's battle dress uniform instead of the accustomed white-collar attire--Air Force blues--of his past three-year Pentagon assignment. The change in uniform represented, in less than 24 hours, that life had changed with such intensity, such atrocity, normalcy would never again be defined the same for all America.

I followed David down the stairs and to the front door. I wrapped my arms around him, and longed to never let him go...

Selfishly, for my own comfort and symbolically for those who would never again hold their loved ones.

"Keep him safe," I prayed desperately, while struggling to be a good airman's wife and forcing myself to let go.

I would not cling. That no longer defined our relationship, our actions, nor us. Despite the fear in my heart, I gave him my bravest smile. "Please God, bring him home to us at the end of this day," I whispered as he walked to his car and drove away.

Twelve long hours later, he came back to us. Our young son and daughter raced to meet their Daddy at the door, tackling him with their customary hugs and kisses. Our oldest daughter called, just to hear his voice.

Still trying to cope with the shock, we forked through our dinner, and followed, to the best of our ability, our normal nighttime routine. All the while, we kept an ear to the television to listen for terrorist updates.

The children were sent upstairs to begin getting ready for bed as we turned off the television, locked the doors, and turned out the lights. In the otherwise aircraft-grounded skies, the distant overhead rumble of patrolling jets stopped us at the foot of the stairway.

"Isn't it hard to go back in there?" I asked. "It's still burning, smoking. It's a graveyard."

"On that fateful Tuesday of Sept. 11, the very core, the very roots and foundation of America and its citizens had been shaken...."

Tracey Sherman
Spouse of Maj. David Sherman
7th Comptroller Squadron commander

"What is hard," David said, "is that at the end of the day I can come home."

I nodded, too choked to speak. I thought of the newscast of the woman holding vigil on the hill across the road from the Pentagon, waiting, watching, hoping and praying, for any sign, for any glimmer, that her loved one might step from the wreckage and rubble. I thought of all the people wandering and searching and of the posters and flyers emerging in New York City of those lost in the World Trade Center. I clearly understood the meaning of his words.

"God has been good to us," I whispered. "I thought I'd lost you." My tears fell freely. My heart overflowed with thanksgiving, yet at the same time burned with shame, for that very sentence seemed to selfishly invalidate the lives lost. Most assuredly God loved them and their families, too.

His expression attested that he understood my turmoil. His eyes mirrored his own fight with anger, pain and demons of needless guilt. And where we could find no words, we reached for each other and held tight, searching for solace, wisdom and understanding.

It was as we embraced that the music began, first as a series of warm-up pizzicato plucks. Soon, the bow met the strings. We smiled at the beginning rusty, scratchy, squeaky notes, but then fell somber as the tune from our daughter's violin grew to a recognizable stanza. She played on, mellowing into the most lovely, beautiful child's rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" that I have ever been graced to hear. Strains of freedom wafted from her bedroom at the end of the hallway, down the stairs to where we stood in the foyer. We must have gasped in unison; our hearts jolted, our resolve suddenly growing keen as if we had both taken the first breath to fill lungs punched empty by hatred and bitterness. We pulled apart just enough to look into each other's eyes, where we communicated at a level much deeper than words would have allowed.

"Have I practiced long enough, Mom?" our daughter called from her room.



Michael Pendergrass

Military members rendered honors as fire and rescue workers unfurled a huge American flag over the side of the Pentagon during rescue and recovery work following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

"Please, just one more time," I called back to her, my voice just a little stronger, a little more sure.

And as she again played the song, David and I, hand-in-hand, began to fill with new hope, resolve and determination. We reached for the banister and stepped onto the bottom step of the flight of stairs. We would climb to hug our children, to love them, to continue our journey as parents to teach them self-love and respect, and tolerance and acceptance for our fellow mankind... and to tuck them in and kiss them goodnight.

On that fateful Tuesday of Sept. 11, the very core, the very roots and foundation of America and its citizens had been shaken, disheveled. Yet, one by one, moment by moment, we each found our inspiration to redefine and reestablish the normalcy in our lives, to rise above the atrocities, and to find a way to forge ahead in the aftermath. For my husband and I, the power of our national anthem, delivered by our daughter's hands, opened the way to healing.

Dyess observes America's first Patriot Day

**By Airman 1st Class
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs**

Standing as still as a photograph, eyes fixed and mouths slightly agape, many Americans helplessly watched the unfolding devastation of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the Pentagon and the World Trade Center last year.

The men and women of Dyess were no different. Overwhelmed by feelings of shock, disbelief, anger and determination, they too shared in America's suffering -- suffering that was not forgotten as they recently recognized the anniversary of that fateful September day.

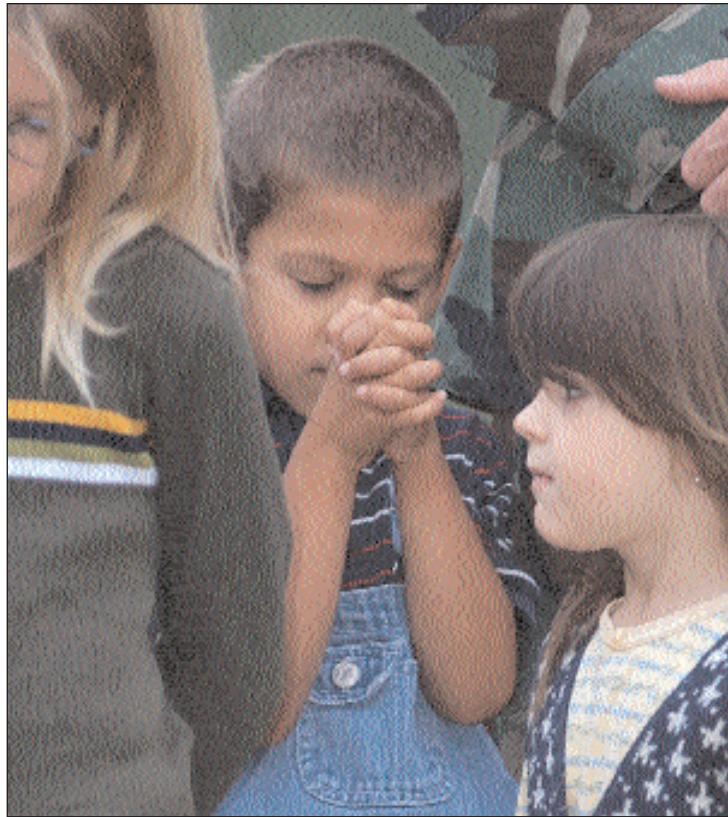
"I can't remember what my life was like before," said Senior Airman Amy Abell, 7th Comptroller Squadron. "No matter how hard I try, I can't tell you what I did on Sept. 10, but I can remember everything that happened on Sept. 11."

"It seemed like the longest day of my life," added the Washington, D.C. native. "I don't think I will ever forget."

Following last year's terrorist attacks, Abell, like many others, spent several anxious hours waiting to hear from family and friends who may have been lost during the attacks. Abell's husband, Esten, and her mother-in-law, Betsy, were at the Pentagon on that fateful day. Fortunately, both survived the attacks.

While the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks hit close to home for many Americans, the days and weeks following Sept. 11 proved to be the hardest for many.

"I was shocked and worried about the future and what it would hold," said Deborah Siller, wife of Senior Airman Marco Siller, 7th Security Forces Squadron. Siller's husband



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Micah Anderson, son of Kristine and Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Anderson, prays during Dyess' Patriot Day ceremony at the base flagpole.

was one of the many Dyess troops who deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I was scared not knowing what was going on and not knowing what to do," Siller added. "But, I knew that while it would be a hard day to get past, we would somehow have to move ahead. We had to get past it so we could do what needed to be done to ensure that things like that never happen again."

As people reflected on the past year's activities and the efforts the men and women in every uniform have made across the nation, many felt a great sense of pride.

"I think that every uniformed person has done a tremendous job in the face of such a complex and challenging situation," said Capt. Andrew Campbell, 39th Airlift Squadron. "This is unlike anything we have ever seen before, but (every firefighter, policeman, emergency response technician

done for me -- to keep me safe. I am safe here because they are working so hard to protect my welfare."

As part of Wednesday's Patriot Day ceremonies, many different organizations held ceremonies throughout the Big Country to reflect on Sept. 11 and the aftermath of the terrorist attacks. At Dyess, a solemn Patriot Day ceremony was held at the base flagpole.

Col. Tom Bell, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, spoke to the men and women of Dyess about the significance of Patriot Day.

"The dictionary defines a 'patriot' as a person who loves, supports and defends his country," Bell said. "Rather than honoring the terrorists who caused this day to happen by remembering the horror of the events of 9-11, (we) gather solemnly to honor those who made this nation great in the last year. They truly represent our country and our way of life."

"But, also on this Patriot's Day, we must recognize that we can not sit back on our laurels," Bell added. "Victory over terrorism will take time -- probably a very long time. This war is not a sprint. It is a marathon."

While Bell's words impacted many of the people in the audience, some were touched so deeply they were moved to tears.

"The ceremony was very moving," Abell said. "(Col. Bell) said what needed to be said -- the reasons we are doing what we are doing and what needs to be done."

"I visited ground zero last year and it was a very hard experience to describe," said Abell, who used to live in Brooklyn. "It was sort of surreal. There was a sense of spirit there -- an ease, a presence of not being alone. To me, that experience makes everything from getting up in the morning to putting on this uniform worth doing."

and military servicemember) has responded tremendously and (I know) they will all continue to respond in a superior way."

"They have all done an excellent job," agreed Katherine Stevenson, 7th Mission Support Squadron child development center desk clerk. "For example, the other day it took me over an hour and a half to come to work, because of the security at the front gate."

"I know some people complained, but I didn't mind," added Stevenson. "It was



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Col. Tom Bell, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, presided over Dyess' first Patriot Day ceremony.

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TEAM DYESS Warrior of the Week

Tech. Sgt. Dan Ross

Unit: 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Job description: Assistant chief of survival equipment

Time in the Air Force: Fifteen years and nine months

Time at Dyess: Five years and nine months

Family: Wife, Sarah; daughters, Elizabeth and Chase

Hometown: Curwensville, Pa.

Job impact on the mission: I ensure that all survival equipment is maintained and repaired properly.

Career goals: I hope to make the rank of senior master sergeant and get my bachelor's degree in aircraft management.

Best Air Force memory: The birth of my daughters.

Editor's note: Squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors nominate people in their unit to be the Dyess Warrior of the Week. For more information, call the Peacemaker staff at 6-4266.



Airman 1st Class Matthew Rosine

TEAM DYESS 7th EMS profile

Leaders:

Commander:

Maj. Wesley Norris

Superintendent:

Senior Master Sgt.
Debra Norris

Personnel:

- Officers: Seven
- Enlisted: 359
- Civilians: Three



Mission statement:

Provides on- and off-equipment aircraft maintenance, ensuring readiness and mission effectiveness for 40 B-1 and 29 C-130 aircraft. Maintains and delivers aerospace ground equipment, fabricates and installs components, performs non-destructive inspections and time-phased aircraft inspections. Maintains survival equipment and provides repair and reclamation, and crash recovery in a timely and effective manner.

Future goals:

- Promote individual balance through mental, physical, professional, family and spiritual well being.
- Provide combat-ready aircraft, support equipment and warrior-minded maintenance professionals while maintaining squadron metrics at or above established goals.

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Dyess proves success in internal ESOHCAMP

By Airman 1st Class Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

A team of base environmental experts concluded an extensive internal assessment at Dyess Sept. 6 to determine how well the base complies with environmental issues.

The team spent the majority of its four-day assessment reviewing write-ups from the Air Combat Command external Environmental, Safety, Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program inspection held in August 2001. The Dyess team closed 33 out of the 52 write-ups the ACC team had previously noted.

“Overall, Team Dyess did an outstanding job,” said Lt. Col. Dirk Saltzgaber, 7th Bomb Wing environmental manager. “The inspection went very well.”

During the assessment, the team checked to see if base members are disposing of hazardous materials properly and

safely. Inspectors also ensured that personal protective equipment was in good condition and being stored properly.

The team reviewed documentation as well, sorting through base plans dealing with environmental issues.

Some of the problem areas the team found include written documentation and individual training not being current. Other problems were containers not being labeled properly and some hazardous waste accumulation points were out of compliance.

Although these write-ups still need to be resolved, Saltzgaber said they are all simple fixes that are in the process of being corrected.

“None of the areas still open are major (problems),” Saltzberger said. “Most of them are either paperwork or funding-related and should be resolved soon.”

For more information about environmental issues, call the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight at 6-5619.

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Integrity
Service before self
Excellence in all we do

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Dyess observes Hispanic Heritage month

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess salutes its Hispanic military and civilian members during the Hispanic Heritage Month which begins next week.

The observance begins Sunday and runs through Oct. 15. This year's theme is "Hispanic Americans: Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity," according to Airman Karla Pelayo, heritage month committee member.

"This year's theme (recognizes that throughout our country's history), Hispanics have fought and died for their kings, presidents and their honor," Pelayo said. "They have given their lives for causes which they believed in from the Civil War through the Gulf War, to the present. Hispanics have always met the challenge of serving the nation with great fervor."

According to statistics provided

by the Air Force Personnel Center, the Air Force has 1,931 Hispanic officers and 17,343 enlisted Hispanic troops in uniform. The latter figure represents 6 percent of the total enlisted force and 2,000

more people than last year.

Those members proudly claim heritage from countries including Mexico, Argentina, Chile and Venezuela, as well as Caribbean islands such as Puerto Rico and

Cuba. "Despite their diverse cultures, Hispanics have stayed united and kept faith with their beliefs," Pelayo said. "I feel recognizing their accomplishments and commitments helps motivate them to keep doing what they've been doing for a long time -- defending the Constitution of the United States."

Dyess kicks off this year's observance with a taste fest at 11:30 a.m. Monday at The Hangar Club. Other events include children's story reading Thursdays at the library, dance lessons Fridays at The Hangar Club and special meals at The Longhorn Dining Facility. Committee members will also visit area schools where children will make decorations that will be displayed during a dinner Oct. 10 at The Heritage Club.

The Hispanic Heritage committee meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Longhorn Dining Facility.

For more information, call Pelayo at 6-2412.

Dyess Hispanic Heritage Month events

Here's a list of the activities planned for this year's Hispanic Heritage Month which runs from Sunday to Oct. 15:

Taste Fest -- 11:30 a.m. Monday at The Hanger Club.

Children's story reading -- 10-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, and Oct. 3 and 10 at the library.

Children's Day -- 9-11:30 a.m. Sept. 21 at the 436th Training Squadron

Special dinner menu -- Sept. 25 at the Longhorn Dining Facility.

Special lunch menu -- Oct. 3 at the Longhorn Dining Facility

Hispanic Heritage dinner -- Oct. 10 at The Heritage Club (time to be determined).

Salsa and meringue classes are taught at The Hangar Center starting at 9 a.m. Fridays.

For more information, call Airman Karla Pelayo at 6-2412.



This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Editor's Note: This Week in Air Force History is a column with information provided by Master Sgt. Robert Romanelli, 7th Bomb Wing historian.

Sept. 13 -- More than 1,200 paratroopers dropped on Salerno, Italy, without loss of man or plane in 1943.

Sept. 14 -- A Douglas A-20 made a successful flight into a hurricane to gather scientific test data in 1944.

Sept. 15 -- The first U.S. semi-rigid helium airship was completed in 1925.

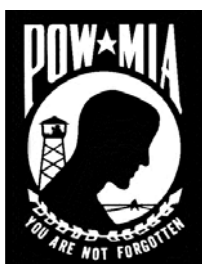
Sept. 16 -- The first delivery of F-104 Starfighters to Taiwan was announced in 1958.

Sept. 17 -- Paratroopers were used for the first time in an U.S. Army exercise in 1941.

Sept. 18 -- The U.S. Army transferred air activities to the newly created Department of the Air Force in 1947.

Sept. 19 -- One of the first aerial photography experiments was conducted from an airplane in 1911.

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Dyess POW/MIA ceremony

4 p.m. Sept. 20 at the
base parade grounds

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“The superior attitude and efforts of unit members and solid leadership in the 317th AG resulted in commendable results,” said UCI team members.

“The professionalism and pride you have demonstrated assures us you are all doing your part,” said Col. John Arsenault, the AMC UCI team chief. “We’ve

assured (the command) that the 317th AG definitely has their act together.”

But the team members weren’t the only ones impressed with the men and women of the 317th AG.

“I couldn’t be more proud of (the entire airlifter team) from the airmen to the senior supervisors,” said Col. Steven King, 317th AG deputy commander, “Colonel Arsenault and his team came to town with some very challenging requirements and I feel very confident that having met those standards we’re ready for whatever comes next.”

During the UCI, the inspection team also recognized one exceptional performer -- **Tech. Sgt. Belinda McCall**, 317th Maintenance Squadron, and two exceptional teams -- the **317th Operations Support Squadron information systems flight** and the **317th AG aircrew protection team**.

Commissary Case Lot Sale

The Dyess Commissary is having a case lot sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 21 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 22.

The sale will have discount prices on juices, pastas, vegetables, pet food, detergent, soups, bread products, paper products and more.

Dyess airfield driving procedures, rules

Tech. Sgt. Tracy Graves
Dyess airfield management

The 7th Operations Support Squadron airfield management section reminds Dyess people of the following Dyess airfield driving procedures and rules:

- The driving lane to the east of the mass-parking ramp has been extended from the C-130 X-Ray row to the entry control point at the fire department, gate six.
- People entering gate six and gates located on the west side of the old alert facility, gates seven and eight, shall conduct a foreign object debris check of vehicle tires.
- The speed limit on the B-1 ramp driving lanes, the mass-parking ramp and transient alert overflow ramp east side lane is 15 mph. The speed limit on the driving lane west of taxiway alpha is 25 mph.

- All vehicles must use the east driving lane. The only exceptions are responding emergency vehicles, munitions trailers, airfield management, safety, flying supervisors and vehicles cleared by airfield management which can only drive on the lane west of taxiway alpha. However, those vehicles must remain off the taxiway.
 - People requiring access to the north and south perimeter roads must contact base operations prior to entering these roads. Prior to entering the Marion drop zone, drivers must contact the tower for permission and radio contact must be maintained prior to entering within 100 feet of the runway or landing zones.
 - Privately-owned vehicles are not allowed beyond FOD checkpoints along the security fenceline without a pass.
- To request a POV pass or for more information, call airfield management at 6-2515.

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To place a classified ad in the *Peacemaker*, call 676-7355.

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Dyess civilian earns 30-year service pin

**By Airman 1st Class
Matthew Rosine**
Dyess Public Affairs

While many people do not look forward to "Friday the 13th," one Dyess civilian is excited about celebrating this year's "bad luck day" -- a day that has been 30 years in the making.

Paulette Whitaker puts on her 30-year government service pin today.

"This has been the longest job I have ever had," Whitaker said. "And, I have been enjoying every day of it."

With her heart set on seeing the world, the East Vandergrift, Pa., native joined the Air Force right out of high school and was promptly sent to Texas.

After spending four years at Sheppard Air Force Base, then-Sgt. Whitaker, decided to leave active-duty and joined the civilian sector. Deciding to stay in the Lone Star State to raise her family, Whitaker spent more than a decade working



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Paulette Whitaker, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron housing management assistant, helps a customer with a base housing concern. Whitaker puts on her 30-year government service pin today. She has worked at Dyess for the past 11 years.

at Sheppard as a civilian before moving to Dyess with her children and her husband, Gary.

Today, after 11 years at Dyess, the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron housing management assistant has

received a small token of thanks for her years of work and dedication -- her 30-year service pin.

"She is wonderful," said Karen Largent, 7th CES base housing flight chief. "She is very dedicated and concerned about our customers and it shows, because we always get a lot of good customer reviews about her," Largent added.

"She is also a very fun person with a great sense of humor. Whitaker is great to work with."

In her off-duty time, the grandmother of two is also an active member of the United Methodist Church and a member of the Society of Women Business Professionals.

While Whitaker's original goal to see the world may not have gone exactly the way she had planned it, but she is glad about the her journey's results

"I made a good decision to stay (in Texas)," Whitaker said. "This is my home -- my friends and family are here and I can't really imagine being anywhere else."

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Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes

Good to go

Airman 1st Class Robert Parson, 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron crew chief, inspects the rear turbine of a C-130 for cracks before the aircraft departs on a mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Parson and other members of the 777th EARS are deployed from the 317th Airlift Group.

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The following individuals graduated from the Senior NCO Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., Sept. 6:

- Master Sgt. Debra Swanson**, 7th Bomb Wing -- distinguished honor graduate
- Master Sgt. David Hargitt**, 7th Communications Squadron

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CALENDAR

**Today, Sept. 13, 2002**

Thunder Alley from 9:30-11:30 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 6-4166.

Karaoke from 6-9 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-4305.

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002

2nd Dyess Flea Market, "Shoppin' in the Park II" from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the base picnic grounds. For more info, call 6-4175.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002

Airmen's golf day, all day at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course. For more info, call 6-4384.

Monday, Sept. 16, 2002

Football Frenzy, 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-2405.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002

Bingo mania, 7 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 6-2405.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002

Air Force birthday cake-cutting ceremony, 11 a.m. at the Longhorn Dining Facility. For more info, call 2nd Lt. Gordon Swain at 6-5529.

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002

Eight ball father and son pool tournament from 6-9 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 6-4305.

Bench press competition, noon at the fitness center. For more info, call 6-4306.

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COMMUNITY



Flea market

The 2nd Dyess Flea Market, "Shoppin' in the Park II," is from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

The booth cost is \$10 for a regular space and \$15 with a table. Booth spaces are limited.

For more information, call the arts and crafts center at 6-2405.

Operation job search

The family support center is holding an "Operation Job Search" class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The class will cover how to write a resume and cover letter, apply for a job and interview, analyze labor market information, review job offers and salaries, and obtain Veterans Administration benefits.

To register or for more information, call 6-5999.

OFF BASE



Abilene Job Fair

The Abilene Job Fair will be from noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Employers will be recruiting for a variety of professional, technical, administrative, medical and transportation related occupations.

Several major recruitment firms will also be at the fair.

People interested in attending the event are encouraged to bring several resumes.

For more information, call the family support center at 6-5999.

Cruise discounts

The Dyess Information Ticket and Travel Office currently has discounted cruise opportunities available for military members during the upcoming holiday seasons.

Trip packages vary in price and dates of travel.

For more information, call 6-5207.

CHAPEL



Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday.

Mass starts at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.

Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Protestant: Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

Other religions: The chapel has information on Islamic, Jewish and other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call 6-4226.

Gospel music workshop

The Dyess Protestant parish hosts a gospel music workshop at 7 p.m. Oct. 1-4 at the base chapel.

The workshop, taught by Michael Minor, the West Point Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., minister of music, will teach students choir etiquette and musical techniques. The workshop will culminate with a musical concert at 7 p.m. Oct. 5.

For more information, call Ella Scott at 677-3605 or the base chapel at 6-4222.

EDUCATION



Degree opportunity

A Midwestern State University representative will be available at the base training and education services office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 26.

The representative will be on hand to provide information about a bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences to Dyess people.

For more information, call William Phillips at 6-2146.



Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

I like my burgers CFC style

Col. Steve King, 317th Airlift Group deputy commander, right, and Col. Robert Dickmeyer, 7th Maintenance Group commander, grill burgers during the Combined Federal Campaign Kick-off Sept. 6. The drive ends Oct. 31. For more information, contact your unit CFC representative.

MEDICAL



7th MDG closed

The 7th Medical Group will stop

normal operations beginning at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday for mandatory readiness training.

This includes the pharmacy, radiology department and dental clinic.

For emergencies, call the medical information center at 696-2334.

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Dyess celebrates enlisted heritage

By Airman 1st Class Lindsey Maurice
Dyess Public Affairs

More than 800 Dyess people gathered at the Abilene Civic Center Saturday to celebrate enlisted heritage and esprit de corps during the 19th Annual Enlisted Dining Out.

The event, themed "USAF -- Protectors of Peace, Guardians of Freedom," gave airmen, NCOs, senior NCOs and guests a chance to celebrate Dyess' enlisted achievements during the past year and have some fun, said Senior Master Sgt. Cheri Drysdale, dining out chairperson.

The camaraderie of the enlisted forces was heard loud and often, as attendees pounded the tables with their spoons in applause, starting with Brig.

Gen. Wendell Griffin, 7th Bomb Wing commander's, pin-on to chief master sergeant.

"My father would be really proud to hear I made chief," said Griffin, whose father is a retired chief master sergeant.

Another highlight of the enlisted dining out was the "grog bowl" -- a toilet which contained a secret mixture of unnamed substances created by the dining out committee.

This year's grog bowl skit consisted of several squadron representatives adding key ingredients to the mix followed by a "sacred" grog chant. These representatives included 9th Bomb Squadron's "Batman," a cowboy from the 39th Airlift Squadron "Trailblazers," the 13th Bomb Squadron's "Grim Reaper," and an American Indian "chief" from the 28th Bomb Squadron.

The squadron mascots broke out into a rendition of the song "YMCA" and pulled unsuspecting dining out attendees out of their chairs to join in the "YMCA" dance.

"The grog ceremony was definitely a blast," Drysdale said. "I think it was the best one I've seen yet."

The grand finale of this year's dining out was guest speaker retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam Parish. Parish, who served as CMSAF from 1983-1986, spoke of patriotism and the outstanding job the Dyess enlisted force is doing at home and abroad.

"The men and women who make up our United States enlisted corps are the best in the world. They are the protectors of peace and the guardians of freedom."



"The Medic," "Batman" and "The Judge" boogie to their rendition of YMCA. The twisting trio along with other donors, supplied the ingredients for this year's grog bowl which included oil from the "Batmobile," ink, creamed corn and a lab specimen sample.



"The Medic" pours a lab specimen sample into the grog.



More than 800 members attended this year's dining out. The dining out's theme was "USAF -- Protectors of Peace, Guardians of Freedom."



Above: Brig. Gen. Wendell Griffin, 7th Bomb Wing commander, receives the honorary rank of chief master sergeant during this year's Enlisted Dining Out. Left: Senior Airman Keith Schroeder, 7th BW honor guard, plays taps following the table of remembrance ceremony.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Adam R. Wooten

Above: Senior Airman David Cabrera, 7th Maintenance Operations Squadron, toasts with his glass during the 19th Annual Dyess Enlisted Dining Out. The dining out is a chance for enlisted members to celebrate their heritage and achievements. Right: Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam Parish speaks during the dining out. As the first dining out since Sept. 11, Parish spoke about the impact of the attacks, the support of family and friends, and the impact made by the enlisted Air Force during Operation Enduring Freedom.



Four retired chief master sergeants who attended the dining out fill their cups with grog. The chiefs took a voluntary trip to the grog bowl to help raise more money.



7th CES crowned intramural golf champions

Story and photo by
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With championship glory within their steely gazes, the final two Dyess intramural golf teams locked horns for the base intramural golf championship trophy at high noon Sept. 5 at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

After the last shot was made, the underdog 7th Civil Engineer Squadron team of Jon Caldwell, Shawn Lambert, Jim McGuinness and Wayne Young was crowned as this year's base champions.

The Engineers finished the championship showdown with 3.5 points, edging the 317th Operational Support Squadron for the one-point victory.

"It was a good match," said CES's Lambert. "We are very fortunate to have beaten such a good team. Both teams played really tough and I think that if one putt had been different -- it could have gone the other way."

With the score tied up and the final four holes remaining, talk of



Shawn Lambert, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron intramural golf team member, drives off the first-hole tee box during the base intramural golf championship at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course, Sept. 5. The Engineers defeated the 317th Operational Support Squadron, 3.5-2.5.

the sudden death playoff round began. The talk became silenced as the Engineers' Shawn Lambert crushed a 350-yard-plus drive off the tee box at 15.

Lambert's drive setup a prime birdie opportunity for the Engineers. Teammate Caldwell

quickly unholstered his 'shootin iron' and bulls-eyed a 15-foot putt for the birdie and the lead.

"The pivotal point in my mind was our play on 15," said Lambert. "But we knew the match still wasn't over. I don't think it was until (their) putt fell short on 17 that we knew

we had it."

While 7th CES may have entered the playoff hunt as the seventh seed in an eight-team single elimination tournament, many players were not surprised by the great play of this "sleeper" team.

"I always knew that CE was a good team -- a sleeper team," said Rick Atkins, 317th OSS. "They may have started low in the standings but they have the players and the skills. They played really well and my hat is off to them."

Atkins and the rest of the 317th OSS -- Tim Lambert, Rod Simpson and Dan Wiggers -- finished the regular season of play as the top-seeded team with 73.5 points.

As both teams left the clubhouse, they shook hands and patted each other on the back for a game well played, remembering that ultimately the whole season was not about winning or losing -- it was about having fun.

"By its very nature, golf can be a crazy game," Atkins said. "But, whether we have a good day or a bad one, we are all out here to have some fun and we did -- after all that's the whole point of intramurals."

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The Dyess theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card. Guests are welcome. Unless otherwise noted, all movies begin at 7 p.m. Adult admission is \$1.75, children 6 - 12 years old is \$1.25, and children under 6 are admitted free.

Friday

Master of Disguise -- *Dana Carvey, Jennifer Esposito*
-- Pistachio Disguisey is an Italian waiter who discovers he possesses a spiritual energy that allows him to transform into anything from cherry pie to Robert Shaw. He soon decides to take on spy work as a second profession using his new powers.
PG (mild language and some crude humor)

Saturday

Austin Powers in Goldmember -- *Mike Myers, Michael Caine, Beyonce Noles* -- Goldmember and Dr. Evil hatch a scheme to destroy the world with an asteroid made of gold. The plan involves kidnapping Nigel Powers, Austin's father.
As Austin chases the villains through time, he visits 1975 and joins forces with an old flame, Foxy Cleopatra, a street-wise and stylish detective. Together, Austin and Foxy must find a way to save Nigel, and stop Dr. Evil and Goldmember from their diabolical plot.
PG-13 (sexual innuendo, crude humor and language)

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